

MEDIA STATEMENT

Date: 25 October 2022

Mayor: Cr Peter Walker

Chief Executive Officer: Aaron Johansson

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday 20 October 2022 Member For Goulburn & Minister for Local Government The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman MP, Mayor Peter Walker, and Chief Executive Officer Aaron Johansson, met with Minister for Sport, The Hon. Alister Henskens SC MP, in Sydney to try and assist the Benalla Auto Club in their efforts to re-open the gates to Wakefield Park.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council supports the ongoing operation of Wakefield Park and its positive impact to our region.

Over the past four months Council have advocated strongly to the NSW Government for the continuation of this important facility for our community. Council have lobbied for legislative change to enable the Benalla Auto Club to reopen Wakefield Park for significant motorsport activities which has been unsuccessful. For the matter to progress the Benalla Auto Club need to follow applicable planning legislation and lodge a new development application for the facility. Until this occurs Council is unable to progress the matter further.